

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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GEORGE ROSE

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Title: AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION OF COMPANY NAMES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that word sequence hypotheses produced by the speech recognizer (10) are used for an adaptation of a speech model (13) utilized by the speech recognizer (10).
4. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that certain words defined a priori are not taken into account when a word sequence hypothesis is compared with entries of the database (15).

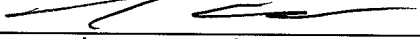
5. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that
the speech recognizer (10) utilizes a speech model (13) which was
trained with the aid of the information stored in the database
(15).

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims were made
solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so
as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of
patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may
have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore
reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at
a later time during the prosecution of this application or
continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

Amended Claims

3. (amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~, characterized in that word sequence hypotheses produced by the speech recognizer (10) are used for an adaptation of a speech model (13) utilized by the speech recognizer (10).

4. (amended) A method as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, characterized in that certain words defined a priori are not taken into account when a word sequence hypothesis is compared with entries of the database (15).

5. (amended) A method as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, characterized in that the speech recognizer (10) utilizes a speech model (13) which was trained with the aid of the information stored in the database (15).